

**White Colon *Sideridis albicolon* (Hb.) (Lep.:Noctuidae): New to Denbighshire (VC50)**

On the 16 June 2000 I attended a public moth event in Kimmel Bay. The event was held at a newly created local natural reserve in the centre of the town. The reserve consists of a remnant of the once extensive dune system that used to be present along the North Wales coast. The conditions for trapping were ideal; warm (16.5°C when I left the site at 3:30am), humid and still. Consequently, good numbers of moths were caught. These included Sand Dart *Agrotis ripae*, Archer's Dart *A. vestigialis*, many Latticed Heath *Chiasmia clathrata*, including one of the form *alboguttata*, Shore Wainscot *Mythimna litoralis* and a number of White Colon *Sideridis albicolon*. As these species are fairly typical of dune systems, I did not realise the significance of the captures at the time. However, upon checking the status of the species using the distribution maps in Heath & Emmet (1983. *Moths and Butterflies of Britain and Ireland*), I discovered that there are no recent records of the White Colon from the North Wales coast, although the insect still occurs at either end of the coast on Anglesey and in Cheshire and Lancashire. On the 17 October, at the annual review meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological society I had the opportunity to talk to the moth recorder for Denbighshire (VC 50) and discovered that my records of this species are, in fact, new to the vice county. – ADRIAN WANDER, 5 Almond Grove, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3ET.

***Acleris kochiella* (Goeze) (Lep.: Tortricidae) new to Norfolk**

On 28 July 2000, I was running three 125 watt m.v. lamps at Foxley Wood (OS grid reference TG 057226), one of Norfolk's largest deciduous woodlands. Amongst the several species encountered was a specimen of *Acleris kochiella* (= *boscana* Fabr.). Although I thought, initially, that this must be a new county record for Norfolk, I later learned that just over a week before this date, on 17 July, Chris Regan had also caught one in his garden trap at Rockland St. Mary (TM 3204), south of Norwich. Both locations lie in vice-county 27 (East Norfolk).

Although *A. kochiella* appears to be fairly widespread in Essex, with records from East Ham in the south to Dovercourt and Colchester in the north, there are only two records from Suffolk – Ipswich Golf Course and Martlesham Heath, both in the south of the county. Bradley, Tremewan & Smith (1973. *British Tortricoid Moths*. Ray Society), give the distribution as “Locally common amongst elms in the southern counties of England ...”, and these records still seem to reflect this. I am grateful to Dr John Langmaid for checking the national microlepidoptera maps and confirming that *A. kochiella* is new to Norfolk.— JON CLIFTON, Kestrel Cottage, Station Road, Hindolveston, Norfolk NR20 5DE.